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WHITE LETTER DATED NOV 12

1. WITH REGARD TO THE REQUEST FOR WORKING GROUP MEETINGS, THE US SIDE HAS MADE INQUIRIES OF THE CHAIRMEN AND AREA COORDINATORS TO DETERMINE IF THE US SIDE WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET WITH THEIR SOVIET COLLEAGUES AS PROPOSED IN THE RECENT INQUIRY.

2. THE US MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR BIO-PRODUCTI-VITY ARE PREPARED TO MEET DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15-22, 1974 AS PROPOSED AND THE PROPOSED VISIT OF SOVIET WORKING GROUPS TO THE UNITED STATES IN JANUARY 1975 FOR GEO-CHEMISTRY AND MARINE CHEMISTRY AND FOR DATA ARE ACCEPTABLE. SPECIFIC DATES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING MARTINEAU'S VISIT IN DECEMBER.

3. THE US MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON OCEAN CURRENTS AGREE TO MEET IN THE USSR, BUT PREFERABLY AT A LATER DATE
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FOLLOWING THE NEXT MEETING OF THE POLYMODE COMMITTEE WHICH

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THE US SIDE PROPOSES BE HELD DURING THE WEEK OF MAR. 23, 1975. HOWEVER, IF THE SOVIET SIDE DOES HAVE URGENT ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION IN DEC, THE US SIDE SHOULD BE ADVISED OF THESE ITEMS AND THE NECESSITY FOR THE MEETING AT THAT TIME. THEREFORE, US PROPOSES MAR. 1975 MEETING FOR THIS WORKING GROUP IN MOSCOW UNLESS STRONG REASON PUT FORTH FOR DEC. 4. THE US CONCURS WITH HOLDING THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS IN MOSCOW BUT, MUST DEFER THAT MEETING ALSO UNTIL FEBRUARY 1975. SEVERAL US MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE UNABLE TO MEET PRIOR TO THAT TIME. COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1-8 BY SEVERAL SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A SYMPOSIUM IN HAWAII HONORING U.S. GEOPHYSICIST GEORGE WOOLLARD.

5. THE US SIDE WOULD ACCEPT A MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON OCEAN ATMOSPHERE INTERACTION IF THERE ARE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS BEFORE ANY MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP IS ORGANIZED. THE US SIDE CONSIDERS JANUARY 1975 TOO EARLY FOR A MEETING OF THIS WORKING GROUP.

6. THE US SIDE STRONGLY URGES THAT THE MEETING OF THE STANDARDIZATION AND INTERCALIBRATION WORKING GROUP BE HELD IN THE US AS PROPOSED BY THE US WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN IN HIS LETTER OF OCTOBER 17, 1974 TO HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART, DR. MIKHALTSEV, AND AS OUTLINED BY DR. WHITE IN HIS LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 25, 1974 TO ACADEMICIAN VINOGRADOV. WE URGE THAT THE MEETING BE HELD JOINTLY WITH THE WORKING GROUP ON DATA. THE US SIDE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON STANDARDIZATION AND INTERCALIBRATION ALSO WILL NOT BE FORMED IN TIME FOR THE SOVIET PROPOSED MEETING IN MOSCOW DURING DECEMBER. INGERSOLL

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